



## COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

### \$1500 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



At Miami-Dade Community Action Agency (CAA) we understand students and their families are faced with concerns when making the decision to attend a college or university. One of the most important concerns is financing the costs of higher education. The CAA Community Advisory Committees (CACs) are providing scholarship awards in the amount of \$1500 to assist students and families in financing their education.

#### Eligibility requirements:

Any person 16-25 years of age that has obtained a high school diploma or GED equivalent, and who is a resident of the following target areas, but not limited to: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. Applicant's family income must fall within 125% of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines.

For more information about the scholarship program or other programs offered at Community Action Agency, contact Claudette McLean at (786) 469-4746 or via e-mail at [cmlean@miamidade.gov](mailto:cmlean@miamidade.gov).

#### Criteria for selection:

- Academic Achievement
- Community Service
- Employment History
- Financial Circumstances

## Deadline: March 11, 2011

Scholarship applications are also available at the following sites:

Overtown Transit Village  
Claudette McLean  
701 NW 1st Court, 9th FL  
(786) 469 - 4746

Liberty City CAA  
Wanda Fort or Delvin Thomas  
6100 NW 7th Avenue  
(305) 756 - 2830

Edison CAA  
Jean R. Lafortune  
150 NW 79th Street  
(305) 758 - 9662

Hialeah CAA  
Mario Dones  
300 East First Avenue  
(305) 884 - 4801

Coconut Grove CAA  
Gerald Cox  
3750 S. Dixie Highway  
(305) 446 - 3311

Accion CAA  
Maggie E. Nieto  
858 West Flagler Street  
(305) 547 - 4893

Perrine CAA  
Geneva Mobutu  
17801 Homestead Avenue  
(305) 254 - 5804

South Beach CAA  
Teddy Harrell  
833 6th Street  
(305) 672 - 1705

Miami Gardens CAA  
Brittany Vereen  
16405 NW 25th Avenue  
(305) 623 - 6500

Culmer CAA  
Dominique Nixon  
1600 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
(305) 438 - 4161



## COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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Community Action Agency  
Citizen Participation Unit  
701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, Florida 33136  
Claudette Mclean  
(786) 469-4746  
Fax: (786) 469-4656

### GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP

**DEADLINE: March 11, 2011**

### AWARD PROCEDURES

#### **AUTHORITY: Community Advisory Committee**

The Miami-Dade Community Action Agency (CAA) provides residents with the opportunity to advocate for change in their respective neighborhoods through its Citizen Participation Unit. The program assists residents in sixteen (16) communities throughout Miami-Dade County by playing an active role in the improvement of their community. Residents participate in Community Advisory Committees (CACs) that provides input on social and economic issues facing their neighborhood and develop strategies on addressing these issues. The CACs award an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1500 to an individual from their target area that is currently enrolled in a college or vocational program, or has plans to attend a college or a vocational school in the coming Fall. This scholarship initiative was developed to provide financial support to assist individuals from the target areas served by the CACs, an opportunity to attain their educational goals. The scholarship is open to individuals between the ages of 16 – 25.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To provide financial assistance to low-income youth, in an effort to attain an adequate education by attending a college or vocational school.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Any person 16-25 years old, that has obtained a high school diploma, or a GED equivalent and who is a resident of the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove, Culmer, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. For target area boundaries, see attached.

Applicant's family income must fall within 125% of the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Poverty Income Guidelines (see attached).



## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

**Academic Achievement:** The applicant must have achieved at least a "C" average in school. If the scholarship is for a vocational school, a letter of recommendation from the school's faculty or counselor and should indicate the student's skills and interest in the vocational field.

**Community Service:** The amount of community service the applicant has performed will be considered. The applicant will submit at least three (3) references and a short description of the service he/she has rendered to the community.

**Employment History:** The initiative and responsibility exhibited by the applicant by working during the junior and senior high school years, and input from the school faculty will be considered.

**Financial Circumstances:** The financial situation of the applicant and his/her family will be considered.

## **CONDITIONS OF AWARD:**

This scholarship, up to the amount of \$1,500, which includes matching funds, would require the student to provide the target area CAA, CAA/DHCD Advisory Committee with a periodic progress report, and a final grade report or transcript.

## **APPLICATION:**

The following documents will be attached to the application form:

- Proof of income for everyone in the household. (copy); see Section F
- Proof of address in target area: Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bills. (copy)
- Proof of age: Birth Certificate, Driver's License. (copy)
- Social Security Card (copy)
- Recommendation form from school faculty (Only for High school senior); see Section D
- Official copy of transcript.
- Letter of acceptance from educational institution is required (Only for High School senior, if available).
- Copy of High School Diploma (if student is currently a High School Senior, a copy of the diploma must be submitted as soon as it is received.)

Children of committee members will be allowed to apply for a scholarship, but the member will be excluded from the screening committee, and will not vote when the committee makes the final selection of the winning candidate. (See application form attached.)

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT & RECRUITMENT PROCESS:**

The Scholarship Program will be widely publicized through the media, area schools, community centers, local churches, and other community organizations.

## **FORFEITURE OF SCHOLARSHIP:**

If a student does not enter the educational institution within their full reimbursement grace period, the scholarship award amount will be returned to the appropriate Advisory Committee and CAA's Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship Fund, and another recipient will be selected.



**Miami-Dade Community Action Agency  
Scholarship Application Check List**

Before submitting your Miami-Dade Community Action Agency (CAA) Scholarship Award Packet, please make sure you have included the following items:

- ☐ Complete Scholarship Application
- ☐ Attach a typed two page personal statement. The statement should be typed in a 12 point standard font (Arial or Times New Roman). The statement should address each of the following questions:
  - a) Why you should be selected for the award?
  - b) What are your academic strengths and weaknesses?
  - c) What are your career goals?
  - d) What extenuating circumstances might prevent you from entering college?
- ☐ Proof of income for everyone in the household. (copy); see Section F
- ☐ Proof of address in target area: Driver's License, Lease/Mortgage, Utility Bills. (copy)
- ☐ Proof of age: Birth Certificate, Driver's License. (copy)
- ☐ Social Security Card (copy)
- ☐ Recommendation form from school faculty (Only for High school senior); see Section D
- ☐ Official copy of transcript.
- ☐ Letter of acceptance from educational institution is required (Only for High School senior, if available).
- ☐ Copy of High School Diploma (if student is currently a High School Senior, a copy of the diploma must be submitted upon graduation.

**Please mail you completed scholarship application to:**

**Miami-Dade Community Action Agency  
Alton V. Sears, Special Projects Administrator  
701 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Court, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Miami, Florida 33136**

For more information regarding the scholarship process or any other services provided by the Community Action Agency, please contact Claudette Mclean, at (786) 469 – 4746 or via e-mail at [cmlean@miamidade.gov](mailto:cmlean@miamidade.gov).



## MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2011-2012

Applicants must live in the following target areas: Allapattah, Brownsville, Coconut Grove Culmer/Overtown, Edison/Little River, Florida City, Goulds, Hialeah, Liberty City, Little Havana, Naranja, Opa-Locka, Perrine, South Beach, South Miami or Wynwood. For target area boundaries, see attached.

- **Incoming freshman (current high school seniors)** complete Sections A, B, D, E and F
- **Continuing and returning students** complete Sections A, C, D, E and F.
- **Please type or print in ink.**

**Deadline for Application:** March 11, 2011

**Target Area: (SEE ABOVE)** \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification during the Fall (August) 2011 semester:

☐

INCOMING FRESHMAN

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CONTINUING OR RETURNING STUDENT

For continuing or a returning student: I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ (fresh., soph., jr., sr., grad.)

Name of Institution planning to attend or is currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Major or expected major: \_\_\_\_\_

Career choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary or minor area (s) of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected enrollment status for 2011-2012: ☐ full time ☐ part time  
(12 credit hours or more)

### SECTION A



**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**      **(Complete only if incoming college freshman)**

High school \_\_\_\_\_

High school address \_\_\_\_\_

High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ACT Score (if available): \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

Expected date of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_  
Month      Year

(1) List school/church/community activities in which you have participated (include leadership roles).

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(2) Special honors/awards.

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(3) Work/job experiences while in high school.

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**SECTION B**

**COLLEGE INFORMATION**      (Complete if continuing or returning college student)

List College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) List college/university/community activities in which you have participated (include leadership roles).

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(2) Indicate any honors or special recognition you have received in college.

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(3) Work/job experience.

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(4) High school activities, honors, etc.      High school: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION C**



**MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY**  
**Recommendation Form**  
**(High school students only)**

This form is to be completed by the applicant's high school principal, assistant principal, dean, guidance counselor, or teacher. One recommendation form is mandatory to apply for the scholarship, additional recommendations are encouraged. Letters are welcomed.

Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Capacity in which you know the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below using the following numeric scale:

**5** – Excellent   **4** – Good   **3** – Average   **2** – Fair   **1** – Poor

<b>Academic Promise</b>		<b>Attitude</b>	
<b>Initiative</b>		<b>Respect</b>	
<b>Career Goals</b>		<b>Self-Discipline</b>	
<b>Responsibility</b>		<b>Perseverance</b>	

Additional comments:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D**





**Miami-Dade Community Action Agency  
Financial Information**

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) 125% OF POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES</b>	
Family Size	125%
1	\$13,538
2	\$18,213
3	\$22,888
4	\$27,563
5	\$32,238
6	\$36,913
7	\$41,588
8	\$46,263
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$4,675

**Please provide all requested information.**

Applicant's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Household Occupants	Relationship	Is Occupant Working	Source of Income	Amount of Monthly Income

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (parent or guardian if under the age of 18)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROOF OF INCOME**

**SECTION E**



## Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Scholarship Affidavit

You must complete the following affidavit:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear (or affirm) to the best of my knowledge and belief that the following is true and correct:

- a. That the contents of this application are true and correct. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)
- b. I agree that my essay, and application shall be solely owned by CAA and I relinquish all rights there to. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)
- c. I understand that my application and all supporting documents will not be returned to me and they will remain the property of CAA. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)
- d. I understand that this scholarship is to be used solely and exclusively for the cost of tuition, books or other necessary expenses associated with the program in which I am enrolled. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)
- e. I affirm that the information provided in the Financial Information portion of the application is true and correct. I acknowledge and agree that CAA reserves the right to verify my income and financial information supplied herein as a condition of any scholarship award. \_\_\_\_\_ (initial here)

Applicant\*:

Witness:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

**\*Please sign and return with the Scholarship Application. If you are under the age of 18, please have a parent or guardian sign under Witness.**



**Miami-Dade Community Action Agency  
Citizen Participation Unit  
Target Area Boundaries**

**Allapattah:** Airport Expressway to the North and 836 Expressway and Miami River Dr. to the South; I-95 to the East and NW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Brownsville:** NW 62<sup>nd</sup> St. to the North and NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. to the south; NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the East and NW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave to the West.

**Coconut Grove:** McFairlane Main Highway, Franklin Ave., Charles Terr. And Loquet to the North and S. Dixie Highway to the South; 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the East and Lejeune Rd. to the West

**Culmer:** NW 23<sup>rd</sup> St. to the North and Miami River to the South; NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ct. (Railroad) to the East and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Edison/Little River:** 119<sup>th</sup> St. to the North and NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. to the South; FEC railroad track to the east and NW 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Florida City CAA:** Target area boundaries: SW 8<sup>th</sup> St. (Lucy St.) to the North and Arthur Vinning Davis Parkway to the South; Krome Ave. to the East and Redland Rd. to the West.

**Hialeah:** Okeechobee Road to the West and Railroad Track to the East; Hialeah Drive (54 Street NW) to the South and 25 Street East thru Jose Marti Blvd. to the North.

**Liberty City:** NW 79<sup>th</sup> St. to the North and NW 62<sup>nd</sup> St. to the South; West of I-95 to the East and NW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Little Havana:** Miami River to the North and SW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the South; I-95 to the East and 27<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Naranja/Leisure City:** Limited to the North at 240<sup>th</sup> Street SW and to the South part of 296<sup>th</sup> Street SW, up to 147<sup>th</sup> avenue and 288<sup>th</sup> Street along Biscayne Drive. To the East is limited by SW and 133<sup>rd</sup> place and SW 163<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the West.

**Opa Locka:** NW 151<sup>st</sup> St. to the North and NW 119<sup>th</sup> St. to the South; NW 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the East and NW 47<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Perrine:** SW 172<sup>nd</sup> St. to the North and SW 186<sup>th</sup> ST. to the South; S. Dixie Highway to the East and SW 113<sup>th</sup> Ct. to the West.

**South Beach:** 41<sup>st</sup> St. to the North and South Beach Point to the South; the sea to the East and West Dade Blvd. to the West.

**South Miami:** SW 62<sup>nd</sup> St. to the North and SW 72<sup>nd</sup> St. to the South; SW 57<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the East and SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Ave. to the West.

**Wynwood:** NW 36<sup>th</sup> St. to the North and NW 15<sup>th</sup> St. to the South; Biscayne Bay to the East and NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, and part of FEC Railroad Track to the West.





# Miami-Dade Community Action Agency

## Fact Sheet

**Our Mission:** To empower economically disadvantaged individuals, families and communities through advocacy, education, resource mobilization and service delivery.

**Our Promise:** Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Community Action Agency is a comprehensive Social Services Agency that offers services to Miami-Dade County residents from infancy to the elderly.

### Family Support and Development

Our Family Support and Development category provides a myriad of services geared towards providing low-income individuals and families an opportunity to work towards economic self-sufficiency.

Family Support Services  
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Initiative  
Housing Initiatives  
Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)  
Family Development Project  
Children's Car Safety Initiatives  
Hope VI

Citizen Participation  
The Fathers Project  
Community Partnerships  
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)  
Housing Assistance Grant (HAG)  
Transportation

### Adult and Childhood Education

Our Education category provides comprehensive child development services for low income children and families in Miami-Dade County.

Education and Early Childhood Development  
Health, Nutrition and Mental Health  
Disability Services  
Program Governance  
Family and Child Empowerment (FACE)

Employment Preparation and Training  
Parent Involvement  
Early Head Start Home Based Program  
"Rising Star Out of School Program"  
Computer Training Program

### Homeowner Services

Our Homeowner Services provides energy efficiency and home rehabilitation services which help conserve energy, lower energy bills, preserve houses and communities and protect the environment.

Senior Home Assistance Repair Program (SHARP)  
Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program  
Storm Mitigation Programs  
Home Beautification Programs  
District 1 (Opa Locka), District 2 (Liberty City)

Paint Program  
Water Conservation Program  
Weatherization Assistance Programs  
Elderly Residential Energy Conservation Program

### Greater Miami Service Corps

The Greater Miami Service Corps (GMSC) prepares young people to enter the workforce through education, work experience, internship, job placement and post-program follow-up to placement retention.

Technical Job Skills Training  
Development of Strong Work Ethic  
Job Placement Assistance and Employment

Educational Enhancement  
Improved Life and Behavioral Skills  
School of Integrated Academics and Technology

For more information about Miami-Dade Community Action Agency visit:

[www.miamidade.gov/caa](http://www.miamidade.gov/caa) or call 786.469.4600



# Community SERVICE CENTERS

## **Miami Gardens Community Service Center**

16405 NW 25th Avenue Rm. 105, Miami Gardens, FL 33054  
(305) 623-6500

## **Edison Community Service Center**

150 NW 79th Street, Miami, FL 33150  
(305) 758-9662

## **Wynwood Community Service Center**

2902 NW 2nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33127  
(305) 547-7661

## **Hialeah Community Service Center**

300 E. First Avenue, Hialeah, FL 33101  
(305) 884-4801

## **Acción Community Service Center**

858 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130  
(305) 547-4892

## **South Beach Community Service Center**

833 Sixth Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139  
(305) 672-1705

## **Perrine Community Service Center**

17801 Homestead Avenue, Miami, FL 33157  
(305) 254-5804

## **Goulds Community Service Center**

21300 SW 122nd Avenue, Miami, FL 33170  
(305) 233-2121

## **Joseph Caleb Community Service Center**

5400 NW 22 Avenue, 3rd Floor, Miami FL 33147  
(305) 636-2200

## **Culmer Community Service Center**

1600 NW 3rd Avenue, Miami, FL 33136  
(305) 438-4161

## **Liberty City Community Service Center**

6100 NW 7th Avenue, Miami, FL 33127  
(305) 756-2830

## **Frankie Shannon Rolle Community Service Center**

3750 South Dixie Highway, Miami, FL 33133  
(305) 446-3311

## **Florida City/Homestead Community Service Center**

1600 NW 6th Court, Florida City, FL 33034  
(305) 247-2068

## **Naranja Community Service Center**

13955 SW 264th Street, Naranja, FL 33032  
(305) 258-5471

